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No. 246

Dated 29. 5. 1953.

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FOR MYSORE STATE

L.Dis.No.44/51.S.3. Collector's office, Bellary.
Dated: 9.5.1951.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
12 MAY 1951
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

From
Sri.G.Rami Reddi
Collector,
Bellary.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Buildings - Bellary district - ~~district~~ - Sandur - Ramandrug Hill station - Improvements to buildings - Report submitted:
Ref: Government P.W.Department memo:No.5878-C/50-3 dated 21.12.50.

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I suggest that the following improvements may be effected, to the Ramandrug Hill station.

1. There are seven Government buildings on the hill and none of them is in good condition. Necessary repairs may be carried out to all of them and the buildings maintained properly.

2. There are no water facilities on the hill station. At present water is carried up the hill in pots from a distance of about one mile. During the period of state administration water was supplied through a pipe worked by a pumping set. The pipeline has since been removed in parts and the pumping set dismantled. To ensure adequate water supply the pumping set may be restored.

3. Conservancy staff (which does not exist now) may be stationed permanently to look after all the buildings on the hill station.

4. Around Ramandrug hill station, there is a forest which is reserved for the Ruler of Sandur for game. It would be a source of attraction to the hill station if the forest area is thrown open to all visitors for game.

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For Collector.

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Endt. 2680 C/57-1 dated 15. 5. 57.

Communicated to C.E (B & S.M.F)
for remarks.

15.5.57

To
The C.E (B&S.M.F)
with C/577
Plants.
(S.E.)

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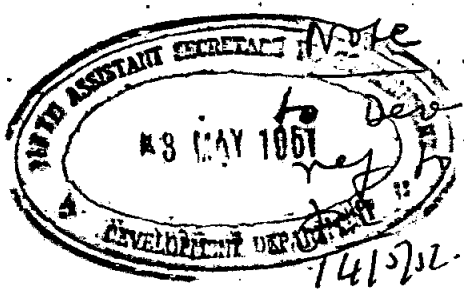

Note After issue, the case may be sent to Dev Deptt. for necessary action with reference to para 4 of the Collr's letter.

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P.W.D. No. 2860-C/57-2.
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Please see the ref. from the Collr. of Bellary and the note of the P.W.D on Hpl-2 cf.

An extract of the para 4 of the Collr's report may be taken for necessary action in this regard and the file may be returned to P.W.D

Hpl-2 cf

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Dev. No. 57450 CU/51-1
26.5.51

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The remarks of the C.E. with reference to the endt. on p2 above may be awaited till 30.6.51

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Office of the Chief Engineer, P.W.D.
(General), Chepauk, Madras.

Endorsement No.3800 Wks/51-8 Dated 8th January 1952.

Read: From the Superintending Engineer, Anantapur Circle No.2919 CE. dated 27-12-1951.

Sub: Buildings - Bellary District - Ramadrug Hill Station Improvements to buildings - Report Reg:

Ref: Your No.3800 Wks/51-2 dated 17-7-1951 and 3800 Wks/51-6 dated 14-12-1951.

The seven buildings on the hill station were inspected by the Executive Engineer Bellary Division and instructions were issued by him to the Sub-Divisional Officer Hospet to prepare estimates for the essential repairs required to those buildings. Further report whether the works have since been taken up is awaited from him.

2. Regarding water supply arrangement, the cost will approximately be Rs.15,000/-. Further report called for from the Executive Engineer regarding this item and also regarding conservancy staff required to look after the buildings is awaited from him. He is being reminded.

Copy submitted to Government for information with reference to their Endorsement No.2680 G/51-1 Dated 15-5-1951 and in continuation of Chief Engineer's D.O.No.3800 Wks/51-7 Dated 18-12-1951.

2. A further report will be submitted to Government on hearing from the Superintending Engineer, Anantapur circle.

for Chief Engineer, P.W.D. Buildding

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

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Office of the Chief Engineer, P.W.D., (General), Chepauk, Madras.

ENDORSEMENT No. 3800 Wks/51-CR, DATED THE 25TH JANUARY, 1952.

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READ: Letter No. 359 L 2 CE dated 2-1-1952, From The Superintending Engineer, Anantapur Circle: To The Chief Engineer, P.W.D., (Buildings), Chepauk, Madras.

Sub: Buildings - Bellary District - Ramandrug Hill Station Improvements to buildings - Report - Regarding.

Ref: Your Memorandum No. 3800 Wks/51-2, dated 17-7-1951 Ref. This office No. 2919 CE/27-12-1951.

It is reported by the Executive Engineer, Bellary Division that one of the buildings in Ramdrug hill station "Murar Bhavan" requires extensive repairs costing Rs.10,000/- and the other remaining buildings about Rs.10,000/-. The total cost of repairs to buildings done comes to Rs.20,000/- in addition to Rs.15,000/- for providing water supply as reported in my No. 1637 CE/14-7-1951 as water is not available within a radious of 6 to 8 furlongs. A grant of Rs.20,000/- plus 15,000/- is therefore necessary and these works will be done if this grant is allotted in 1952-53.

2 Regarding the conservancy staff, there is already a maistry a former employee of the merged state of Sandur who is stationed at the hill station and he has been looking after the buildings, pump house and pump. No other conservancy staff is found necessary at present.

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3) Besides the above, the road from Hospet to Ramdrug is 7¼ miles in plains and 6¾ miles in Ghat Section. The Road in Ghat Section requires widening and the entire road of 14 miles requires repairs. This work may be entrusted to the Highways Department.

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Copy submitted to Government in continuation of Chief Engineer's Endorsement No. 3800 Wks/51-8, dated 8-1-1952 and with reference to Government Endorsement No. 9680 C/51-1, dated 15-5-1951.

2) I agree with the Superintending Engineer.

3) As regards water supply to Ramandrug Hill Station, a separate report will be submitted with reference to Government Memorandum No. 90 C/51-3, dated 15-10-1951.

R. Lakshmanan 29/1/52

for CHIEF ENGINEER, P.W.D., (BUILDINGS).

To The Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

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23. PWD (B) 7

Subject: Buildings - Bellary Dist - Ramandurg Hill station - Improvements.

pp 7-8 ante

From the CE PWD (B) No 3800 Wks/51 CR dt 2.7.1952

Reminder

Memo No 2680C/51-6K2 dt 13.2.52

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The CE is requested to state whether the repairs to the buildings referred to will be carried out under the usual repairs programme or whether the sanction of Govt is required. In the latter case he is requested to report in more detail the necessity & justification for the repairs and how the buildings are now utilized. He is also requested to submit necessary plans & estimates if he considers that the repairs should be taken up urgently for during 1952-53. this correspondence is omitted to Memo No 2680C/51 dt 15.10.

To
The CE PWD (B)

pp 19 CR (R)

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Note. The Ct's endr. at p 22 of does not explain how the buildings are now utilized, whether the proposed repairs will be carried out during 1952-53, whether the sanction of Govt. is necessary etc. Add the information sought for as in the draft.

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① Issue

② Rejection

Issued & resubmitted

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Office of the Chief Engineer, P.W.D.,
(General), Chepauk, Madras.

Endorsement No.1246 Wks/52-CR, dated 4th August 1952.

Read the following:-

From the Superintending Engineer, Anantapur Circle, letter No.359-L/1819 CE/ 26-7-52.

Sub: BUILDINGS - Bellary District - Sandur - Ramadrug hill station - Improvements to buildings - report - submitted -

ADDL. DEPTY. 7032 11 AUG 1952 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Ref: Your Memo.No.3800 Wks/51-1 dated 26-5-51 & Endt. No.1246 Wks/52-2 1 dated 3-3-52.

The buildings of Ramadrug hill station were taken over by the P.W.D. when Sandur merged into the Madras State. The buildings are in a dilapidated condition and appear to have been neglected for a long time by the Sandur State. It will be worthwhile to repair and maintain some of them only if they are required for immediate use. Repairs to one building alone which the Executive Engineer, Bellary considers worth repairing - the building called Sivasadan - have been estimated to cost Rs.40,000/-. But so far there has been no demand for buildings on this hill and there is therefore no necessity to repair them.

2. The pipe line which supplied water to the buildings on the hill have been removed by the Sandur State before handing over the buildings. The engine and pump are alone there. The question of restoring the pipe line can be considered when a use is found for these buildings.

3. There is no demand for these buildings. But when these buildings are required for use, they can be repaired and handed over to the department concerned for occupation. Hence no special conservancy arrangements are necessary.

~~Para 4 of Endorsement~~ pp 9-1

Copy submitted to Government with reference to their Memorandum No.2680 C/51-6 dated 13-2-1952.

2. In the circumstances stated by the Superintending Engineer, I consider that the question of effecting repairs to the buildings may be dropped for the present.

for Chief Engineer, P.W.D.(Buildings.)

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
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P.W.D.(C)

Memorandum No. 26806/57-9 Dated 27-10-52

Sub:-BUILDINGS - Bellary district - Sandur Ramandrug hill station Improvements to buildings - Further remarks - called for.

Ref:-From the C.E., P.W.D. (B) No.1246 Wks/52-CR. dated 4-8-52.

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The C.E., is requested to state (i) whether small maintenance repairs if any, required to the buildings at Ramandrug hill Station, are being carried out so that the buildings may not deteriorate and (ii) how best the buildings can be put to any use.

2. His attention is invited to para 2 of G.O. No.3123 P.W. dated 22-7-52 and he is requested to expedite the submission of the proposals referred to therein and to suggest how best the engine and pump may be used, if he does not recommend the restoration of the pipe line.

To C.E.,P.W.D.(B).

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Office of the Chief Engineer, P.W.D., (General), Chepauk, Madras.

ENDORSEMENT No. 8592 Wks/52-CR, DATED 10TH DECEMBER 1952.

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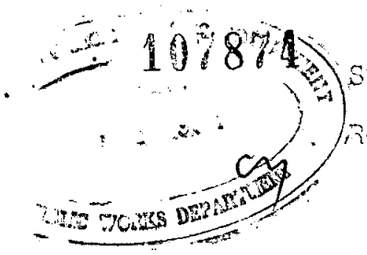
READ: Letter No. 3066 CE dated 27-11-1952, From The Superintending Engineer, Anantapur Circle, P.B. No. To The Chief Engineer, P.W.D., (Buildings), Chepauk, Madras.



Sub: Buildings - Bellary District - Ramandrug Hill Station - Improvements to Buildings. - P.S. and E

Ref: P.W.D. Memorandum No. 2680 C/51-8, dated 27-10-1952 and Chief Engineer's Endorsement No. 8592 Wks/52-1, dated 11-11-1952.

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The two points raised in paragraphs of the Government Memorandum are dealth with below.

i. Whether small repairs to the buildings are being carried out.

A | No repairs have been carried out ever since the buildings were taken over by the Public Works Department. As reported already these buildings are in a dilapidated condition and it will not be possible to make them habitable by carrying out small repairs. They require elaborate repairs and improvements if they are to be put to use. At present there is no use for these buildings. Even if they are repaired, unless the buildings are used and taken care of they will deteriorate and the expenditure incurred would prove a waste.

ii. How best the buildings can be put to use.

D | Ramandrug is a Hill Station about 15 miles away from Hospet and 7 miles from Sandur and approached by Ghat roads which are in a state of disrepair. In their present condition ordinary motor cars cannot use these roads. The station can be reached by jeeps with difficulty.

C | The station was a military Sanatorium. The buildings at the station are military barracks which have not been attended to for a long time and are in a dilapidated condition. There is no demand for these buildings at present and no use for them.

B | Regarding the water supply arrangements referred to in paragraph 2 of the Government Memorandum, I have to report that the restoration of the pipe line is not necessary now. Proposals for the restoration will be submitted when a use is found for the buildings. The Engine and pump are meant for water supply to the station and so long as the station is not occupied no use & can be found for them. Moreover the pump house is not easily accessible and it is not worthwhile to transport the engine and pump for use elsewhere. They will be kept in reserve for water supply to the station when (1) use is found for the buildings.

Copy submitted to Government with reference to their Memorandum No. 2680 C/51-8, dated 27-10-1952. - P.S. and E

F | 2) I agree with the remarks of the Superintending Engineer, Anantapur Circle. Essential repairs may be carried out in case any Department of Government could find some use for these buildings.

R. Lakshmanan 15/12/52

for CHIEF ENGINEER, P.W.D.,
(GENERAL & BUILDINGS).

To The Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, MADRAS.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
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Public Works DEPARTMENT

REMINDER. C. Section Branch.

To THE Chief Engineer, P.W.D. General and Buildings

I ~~have the honour to invite~~ am directed to invite attention to Govt Memo No. 26806/5/52 dated 27-10-52 and

~~to request that the reply to it may be expedited~~

request that this reminder may be returned at once with information as to—

(1) the stage at which the matter now is, and

(2) the date by which a reply may be expected, ~~and~~

~~(3) the circumstances which have caused the delay~~

Office of W.Sect

Station Ft St George

Dated 3-12-52

P. V. Venkateswaran
Signature.

Attended by Sect to Govt
Designation.
3/12/52

SUBJECT.

Buildings - Bellary Dt - Sandur Ramandrug hill station - Improvements to buildings - Further remarks called for.

(P.T.O.

To/ The Office of the Ch Engineer

9609 wks/52.1 dt 18.12.52 O.F.

REPLY. 108956

To The Secretary to Govt Public Works Dept

Sir,

Please see my endt no 8592 WKS/52 CR dt 12.12.52 wherein a reply was submitted to government.

R. Lakshmanan
for Chief Engineer
for P.W.D. (Genl + Bldg)
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P.W.D.(C)

Memo No.2680 C/51- 10 Dated 9.2.53

Sub:-BUILDINGS - Bellary District - Sandur Ramandrug hill station - Improvements to buildings ~~- Further remarks - called for~~.

Ref:-From the Collector of Bellary L.Dis.No.44/51-53 dated 9-5-51.
From the C.E.P.W.D.(Gl.) Endt.No.3800 Wks/51-CR, dated 25-1-52.
From the C.E.P.W.D.(Gl.) Endt.No.1246 Wks/52-CR, d/4-8-52.
From the C.E.P.W.D.(Gl) Endt. No.8592 Wks/52-CR, d/12-12-52

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Extracts from the Chief Engineer's Endorsement dated 25-1-52 and copies of his endorsements dated 4-8-52 and 12-12-52 cited are communicated to the Collector of Bellary. ~~for information.~~ His ~~special~~ attention is invited especially to the C.E's. endorsements dated 4-8-52 and 12-12-52 and he is requested to ~~state whether in the circumstances stated therein the buildings require any repair now.~~ offer his remarks.

2. Reply may be submitted through the Board of Rev.

To The Collector of Bellary,
(with paras 1 & 2 on p.7 c.f. and pp.13 and 17 c.f.)

Copy to the Board of Rev. (with same encl.)

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To

1. The Chief Minister, Government of Madras, Madras.
2. The Honourable Minister for Public Works.
3. The Honourable Minister for Local Self Government.
4. The Honourable Minister for Cooperation.
5. The Honourable Minister for Agriculture and Forest.
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7. The Superintending Engineer, Anantapur Circle, Anantapur.
8. The Executive Engineer, Anantapur.

Sirs,

Sub: Pavandrug Hill Station-Renovation-Requested.

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1. There is a Hill station called Ramghed about 3,300 ft. above sea level: formerly situated in Sandur State and now forming part and parcel of Bellary district.

2. The Ruler of the State attended to the up keep of the several buildings on the top of the hill as also the maintenance of the approach roads, lighting and water for the same till about 1940 when it was used for Military Technical School. After the cessation of the war the camp is closed and the Military has vacated the buildings. The Ruler has now no interest as the above area forms part of the Bellary District, and the buildings' roads and water supply are left unattended. The said hill is not under use either as a camp for Military or as an Hill station for the public and the Civilians.

3. If the Hill station is not immediately taken on hand and thrown open to the Public for use, the properties worth lakhs of rupees will deteriorate and the District will lose the benefit of one of its important amenities during summer.

4. As the summer is approaching, this is just the time when the authorities have to expedite getting ready the Hill station with all its amenities as before, and make it available for the public use by about 10th April.

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5. We may further inform you that the said Ranghad Hill station is situate very close to the famous "Hampi ruins" and the Tungabhadra Dam now nearing completion. The renovation of the Hill station will add to the interest of the visitor and the tourist.

6. We may further state that in case the Government feels that it is not in a position to undertake any financial commitment at present, it can atleast attend to the repairs to the buildings, roads and other amenities in particular the Road from Hospet to Ramandrug which is in a bad condition and allow the Prominent Citizens of Bellary and Hospet to run the Hill station for the current year on cooperation basis or in the alternative the District Board may be asked to run the station enlisting public support.

7 Early and expeditious action is requested in the matter.

M. Venkatramaiya Sastri, Advocate, Bellary
(Sd) D.V.Hanumantha Rao, Advocate.
(Sd) M.A.David, Advocate.
(Sd) P.Raghavendracharya, Vakil.
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Sri M Nagabhushanam
Sri M Ganga Rao

MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS
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Bellary
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MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS
To 21 MAR
GOVT. OF MADRAS

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
24 MAR 1953
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Sri ... Gangappa.

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Public Works

REMINDER

To The Collector of Bellary.

Govt Memo

No. 2680 C/57-10 dated 9-2-53

with reference to

(1) the date at which the [illegible] is due,

(2) the date by which a reply may be expected,

(3) the circumstances which have caused the delay

Office P. W. Secy.

Station Fort St. George Madras

Dated 17-3-53

Signature. P.V. Venkateswara

Designation. For Addl. Deputy Secretary to Govt.

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Buildings - Bellary District - Sandur Ramanadurg Hill Station - Improvements to buildings -

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REPLY.

To the Secretary to Govt
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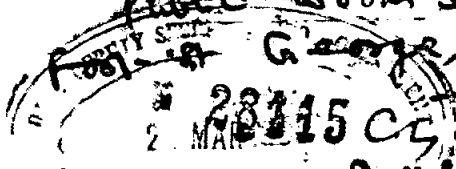
Fort St George, Madras



Sir,

I have not yet received a reply from the Asst Collector, Hospet. He is being reminded to expedite his report. I shall submit my report on receipt of his reply.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
for Collector
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SECRETARIAT 27 MAR 1953 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To

1. The Chief Minister, Government of Madras, Madras.
2. The Honourable Minister for Public Works.
3. The Honourable Minister for Local Self Government.
4. The Honourable Minister for Cooperation.
5. The Honourable Minister for Agriculture and Forest.
6. The Chief Engineer, P.W.D., Chepauk, Madras.
7. The Superintending Engineer, Anantapur Circle, Anantapur.
8. The Executive Engineer, Anantapur.

25 MAR 1953 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Sirs,

Sub: Ramandrug Hill Station-Renovation-Requested.

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Early and expeditious action is requested in the matter.

N. Chittyunjaya Sastri - Advocate. Bellary

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Sri. G. Raghobhushanam

Sri. M. Gangappa

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MINISTER FOR LAND REVENUE 24 MAR 1953

MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE 21 MAR 1953 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Sanctioned vide ltr 23-4 ante

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Sri S. Nagabhushanam
Sri M. Sangappa

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Collector's office, Bellary.
D.Dis.2815/53.A.10. Dated 25-4-1953

From
Sri. D.R.Sunderam, I.A.S.,
Collector of Bellary.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George, Madras

Through
The Secretary to Board of Revenue,
Chepauk, Madras.

Sir,

Sub ;- Buildings- Bellary District - Sandur - Ramandrug hill station - Improvements to buildings- Report - Submitted-

Ref;- 1. Government Memorandum No.2680.C.(P.W.D) dated 9-2-19
2. Board's Ref. E.1206/53-1 dated 12-4-53

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For Collector.

K.R.25/4

Copy submitted to the Secretary to Government, Public works Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

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The main file is under circulation to M(PW), M(LA) M(Agri) and M(Fin) from 23.4.53. This may be ava 5.5.53 or till its return from circulation whichever is earl

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Subject.

uildings - Government - (Bellary) - Sandur - Ramandrug hill station- improvement to buildings - Proposal.

Station: Madras. L.Dis.No.1206/53. Dated 14-5-53.

From: Sri A.S.Sattianathan, I.C.S., Commissioner of Land Revenue.

To: Sri C.S.Krishnamoorthy, I.A.S., Secretary, Board of Revenue.

Ref: G.O.Ms.No.760/52/Rev-II, P.W.D. dt.9-2-53.
Collr.of Bellary D.Dis.2815/53-A10 dt.25-4-53.

ORDERS:-

Submitted to the Government.

2. The Board recommends that essential repairs be carried out to the buildings at the Ramandrug hill station for the present.

for Secretary.

To The Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, with a copy of the Collector's letter No.D.Dis.2815/53-A10 dt.25-4-53.

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The main file referred to above has been sent to C.A.D. on 9.5.53. This may be available till 30.5.53 or till its return whichever is earlier. They will be reminded separately on 21.5.53.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Collector's office, Bellary.
D.Dis.2815/53.A.10. Dated 25-4-1953

From
Sri. D.R.Sundaram, I.A.S.,
Collector of Bellary.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Through Fort St. George, Madras.
The Secretary to Board of Revenue,
Sir, Chepauk, Madras.

Sub ;- Buildings- Bellary District - Sandur - Ramandrug hill station - Improvements to buildings- Report - Submitted- — 121 and

Ref;- 1. Government Memorandum No.2680.C.P.W.D dated 9-2-1953
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For Collector.

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Memo No 2146 dt 29/10/52

Buildings – Bellary Dt – Sandur-Ramandrug Hill Station – Improvements to buildings – Papers recorded.

From the C.E. P.W.D. & Hy) No 8592 W/H 52 CR dt 12.12.52

Memo No 2650 C/51-10 dt 9.2.53 from Sri Mrityananda Sastri, Advocate Bellary, petition dt 20.3.1953

" the Coll^r of Bellary D.O. No 28 W/53-A1 dt 25-4-1953

Memo No " Board of Rev L.Dis E.1206/53 dated 14.5.53

Recorded.

The CE PWD (R&B) Prv 8157 53 with copy of Coll^r of Bellary 35 & 37 (1)

Original to the Mysore Govt

P.W.D.(C)

Sub: Buildings - Bellary District - Sandur - Ramandrug hill station - Improvements to buildings.

(Ref: From the Collector, Bellary No.44/51/53, dated 9.5.5
From the C.E. P.W.D.(B) No.1246/Wks/52-CR, d/4-8-52

With reference to the representations made by the citizen of Sandur, the question of conversion of ~~Sandur~~ the Hill Station Ramandrug, Bellary District, into a Summer resort and of improving the buildings thereon taken over by this Government after the mer of the Sandur State, was examined in 1950. The proposal was dropped in view of the critical financial position of the Govt. Instructions were, however, issued that steps should be taken to maintain the road to Ramandrug in a proper condition and that sma maintenance repairs, if any, required for the buildings should be carried out so that the buildings might not deteriorate. The Collector of Bellary was also requested to suggest ways to attrac visitors to Ramandurg Hill Station as was done previously by the Sandur State Government.

2. The Collector of Bellary has accordingly submitted the following suggestions to improve the Hill Station and to attract visitors.

(i) Repairs and maintenance of the buildings in the Hill Station.

(ii) Restoration of the pipe line to ensure adequate water supply.

(iii) Appointment of conservancy staff to look after the buildings in the Hill Station.

(iv) Throwing open the Forest around the Hill to all visit for game.

3. The Collector's suggestions were referred to the C.E. P.W.D. (Bldgs.) for remarks. The above suggestions and the C.E.'s remarks thereon are examined below:-

4 Item (i) above.

The S.E., Anantapur Circle has reported that the buildings which were taken over by the P.W.D., when the Sandur State was merg with Madras, are now in a dilapidated condition and that it would

would be worthwhile repairing and maintaining some of them only if they are required for immediate use. The repairs to one building alone which is considered worth repairing by the Executive Engineer have been estimated at Rs.40,000/-. As there is no demand for these buildings in the hill station, the S.E. considers that there is no necessity to repair them. The C.E. has agreed with the S.E. In view of the present difficult ways and means position, and in the circumstances reported at 'S' above, the question of undertaking repairs to the buildings may be dropped for the present.

If the buildings are not now useful for any official or residential purposes of the Government, the C.E. may perhaps be asked to consider in consultation with the Collector, the question of selling them out. For orders.

5 Item (ii) on page ante.

The S.E. has reported that before the buildings were handed over to the P-W.D., the previous Sandur State authorities had removed the pipe line which supplied water to these buildings. Water has to be brought to the Hills at present in pots from a distance of nearly a mile. With reference to another proposal of the C.E. for taking over the Water Works System of Sandur, it has been ordered that the C.E. should submit detailed proposals with full justification, if he considers the restoration of the pipe line to the Ramandrug Hill Station absolutely necessary. The S.E. considers that the question of restoring the pipe line, can be taken up when a use is found for the buildings. The C.E. presumably agrees with the S.E., This department may also agree. If so, the C.E. may perhaps be asked to dismantle the engine and pump (which are still there) and remove them elsewhere where there is use for them ~~or whether cannot be disposed of otherwise~~. For orders.

6 Item (iii) above.

The S.E. has reported that there is already a Maistry, a former employee of the merged State who is stationed at the Hill Station, that he has been looking after the buildings, the pump house and pump and that as there is no demand for these buildings, no special conservancy arrangements are necessary, This department may agree with the S.E.

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7 Item (iv) on page 1 above.

Development department is taking necessary action in the matter (vide 'M' on page 3 c.f.).

8 Incidentally the C.E. (Bldgs.) has reported that besides the above, the road from Hospet to Ramandrug requires widening and repairs. Action in regard to this, has been taken separately.

9 The file may be sent to Revenue, Public (Poll), Development and Finance for remarks, if any.

5.9.52 A p.2 ante. may be accepted.

B p.2 ante C.E. may be asked

(i) whether small maintenance repairs, if any required, are being carried out so that the buildings may not deteriorate, and (ii) how best the buildings can be put to any use

C p.2 ante there is no original to dismantle the engine and pump. C.E. may be asked to supplement the report referred to at X p.2 ante and to suggest how best the engine and pump may be used, if he does not recommend the restoration of the pipe line.

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P.W.D.No.2680c/51-8)
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Rev. Deptt.

To Pb.

The notes at pp 1-3 ante may be perused. ~~M' at p ante may be agreed to in this Deptt and the file passed on to Pub(Poll)~~

The remarks of the Collector of Bellary and the Dy & RO may also be obtained ~~on M~~ on the points raised at M on p 2 ante.

Deptt. for issuing U 17952 19.9.

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The notes at pp 1-3 supra may be perused. No remarks seem called for in this deptt.

U 17952

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Public (Poll. A) deptt. Rev. Memo No 71069/52 19.9.52

Notes on pp.1-4 above may be read. Attention is invited to the minutes of the then M.(L.R.) on p.11 n.f.of (M). P.W.will no doubt let the Dept. see the case again on receipt of further report from C.E. which the P.W.D.propose to call for. May be passed on to Finance.

UNDER SECRETARY 3868 24 SEP 1952 PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

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Pl. see the notes on p. f. 1-4 above.

2. This Dept may agree to the proposals of P.W. at M' on p.3 above

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Revenue, public and Finance departments notes at P.4 ante may be perused.

2. With reference to 'M' on P.3 ante a draft memo to the C.E. E (B) is submitted below for approval.

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A 15 cf (Issued Memo.No.2680 C/51-9, dated 27-10-52)

A 17 cf (From the C.E.,P.W.D.(General and Buildings) No.8592 Wks/52-CR, dated 12-12-52)

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A 17 cf The Chief Engineer's report at p.17 c.f. gives information on the points raised by A.D.S., at M on p.3 ante.

A' on A 17 ante 2. The Superintending Engineer has stated that no repairs have been carried out to the buildings ever since they were taken over by the Public Works Department that the buildings are in a dilapidated condition and that they require elaborat repairs and improvements if they are to be made habitabl and put to use. He has added that at present there is no use for these buildings and that even if they are repaired unless they are used and taken care of they will deteriorate and the expenditure incurred would prove a waste. The

C on A 17 cf Superintending Engineer has also stated that there is no demand

D on A 17 cf for these buildings at present, that they are 7 miles and 15 miles away from Sandur and Hospet respectively and the ghat road is unfit for motor traffic and the place can be reached by Jeeps with difficulty. The Superintending

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3/ The Chief Engineer agrees with the Superintending Engineer and considers that essential repairs may be carried out in case any Department of Government could find someuse for these buildings. In the circumstances the Chief Engineer's recommendation may be accepted. F/ante/17 cf

4/ But as the question of repairing these buildings was raised by the Collector of Bellary, before approving the Chief Engineer's proposals, copies of the Chief Engineer's letters at pp.13 & 17 c.f. may be sent to the Collector and he may be asked to state whether in the circumstances stated by the Chief Engineer, the buildings require any repairs now. p1 cf

A draft memo is submitted for approval.

Pv 7/7/53 — N 7-7-53

[Issues Memo no 2650 C/51-10 dated 9.2.53] — p21 cf

Ref:- From Sri. N.M. Sastri and 10 other advocates, Bellary petition of Nil. pp23-24

Please see the petition from Sri N.M. Sastri Advocate, Bellary and 10 other advocates of Bellary on pp23-24 cf. The petitioners request that the Ramanadurg hill station formerly situated in Sandur state, and but now part of Bellary Dist, may be renovated and thrown open to public for use with all its amenities. In case the Govt cannot undertake the work on account financial grounds, they can at least attend to the repairs to the buildings, roads and other amenities in particular the Road from Hospet to Ramanadurg which is in a bad Condition. They have further stated that the prominent citizens of Bellary and Hospet may be allowed to run the Hill Station for the current year on co-operative basis or in the alternative the Dist Board may be asked to run the Station enlisting public support. A

2. Attention is invited to the previous orders of this dept in paras 2, 3 and 4 on pp 5-6 above and the memo to the collector on p 21 cf. A fine report from the collector is still awaited. The petitioners requests are nothing new except the one at 'A' above. This for consideration whether a copy of the petition may be sent to the C.E. PWD(CL) for remarks with reference to 'A' above. A reference is also invited to the minutes of M.LA + the pencil remarks of Secy at p4 cf. L.A. & Fin. may see for remarks.

Gl 20.3.53

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Note for Govt may be put up.

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P.W.D.(C)

The file deals with the question of the conversion of the Hill Station at Ramandrug, Bellary District into a summer resort and of improving the buildings thereon taken over by this Government after the merger of the Sandur State.

2. The question was considered in 1950 on certain representations received from the Citizens of Sandur. The cost of the works required to make the place a summer resort was then estimated at Rs.2.15 lakhs and the proposal was ~~dropped~~ deferred, in view of the critical financial position of the Government. Instructions were however issued to see that the roads to Ramandrug were maintained in a proper condition and for carrying out small maintenance repairs to the buildings so that they might not deteriorate. The Collector of Bellary was also requested to suggest ways to attract visitors to Ramandrug Hill Station. The Collector made certain suggestions but the Chief Engineer did not agree with these. Copies of Chief Engineer's letters in this regard have been sent to the Collector and he has been asked to offer his remarks in the matter through the Board of Revenue. These are awaited.

3. Certain advocates in Bellary District have now made a representation in the same matter - vide their petition at pp.23-24 c.f. M(L.A) and Minister for Agriculture have minuted on it as hereunder:-

M (P.W.) may kindly attend to this

N.Sankara Reddy.
21-3-53.

M (L.R.) for consideration.

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21-3-53.

4. The petitioners have pointed out that the Ruler of the defunct Sandur State attended to the up keep of the several buildings on the top of the hill (Ramandrug) as also

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5. The position regarding the proposals of the Collector and suggestions of the petitioners so far as information is readily available is explained below.

(1) Repairs and maintenance of buildings:

The Superintending Engineer, Anantapur Circle has reported that the buildings which ~~are~~ were taken over by P.W.D. when the Sandur State was merged with Madras are in a dilapidated condition, that no repairs have been carried out ever since they were taken over by P.W.D., and that they require elaborate repairs and improvements if they are to be made habitable and put to use. The cost of repairing the building 'Sivasadan' which alone the Executive Engineer considers is worth repairing is estimated at Rs.40,000/-. The Superintending Engineer has added that at present there is no use for these buildinga and that even if they are repaired, unless they are used and taken ~~m~~ care of, they will deteriorate and the expenditure incurred will prove a waste. He has

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(ii) Water Supply;

There was a water supply system for supplying water for the Government ~~bungalows~~ buildings and the Rajaji's bungalow at Ramandurg. The pump and oil engine alone belonged to the State and the pipe line had been borrowed by the Ruler from a private Company. On the merger of the State the pipe lines were removed by the private company and the oil engine pump and shed which belonged to the State had been taken over by P.W.D. The cost of restoring the water supply system is estimated to be Rs.15,000/- At present water will have to be brought from a distance of 6 to 8 furlongs. No body can be expected to make use of the station unless water supply is arranged. The Superintending Engineer however considers that the water supply arrangements to the buildings need not be restored now but only when a use is found f the buildings and that the engine and the ~~pump~~ pump may be left in the pump house as the pump house is not easily accessible and it is not worth while transporting them ~~xxx~~ elsewhere.

(iii) Appointment of conservancy staff for the buildings:

With reference to the suggestions of the Collector for the appointment of conservancy staff, the Superintending Engineer has reported that there is already a maistry, a former employee of the merged state who is ~~present~~ stationed at the hill station, that he has been looking after the buildings, the pump house and the pump, and that as there is no demand for these buildings no special conservancy arrangements are necessary.

(iv)

Improvements to roads:

The road from Hospet to Ramandurg is an other district road and is being maintained by the Bellary District Board. 7½ miles of this road are in the plains and 6½ miles in the ghat. Improvements to the portion lying in the ghats - widening narrow portions and providing parapet walls and ~~house~~ pipe culverts - are estimated to cost Rs.75000/-. In October 1952 the Chief Engineer (Highways) reported that with its limited resources the District Board will not be able to improve the ghat section and that the Divisional Engineer (Highways), Bellary, had asked the President, District Board, to move the Government for a special grant of Rs.75,000/-. Local Administration Department propose to take necessary action when the President, District Board, applies for the grant.

6 In the circumstances stated in the foregoing notes, no special action seems called for on the representation at pp.23-24 c.f, a copy of which has gone to the Collector of Bellary. He may be expected to take into consideration the facts stated in the representation when submitting the remarks called for in the memo dated 9-2-53. His attention may be invited to this representation and he may be asked to expedite his reply to the memo. Subject to approval, a draft memo is submitted. P. The case may be circulated to M(P.W.), ~~and~~ M(L.A.) and M(Agri) (after issue of the memo) ~~for information~~ / Need not issue

P.V. 17/4/53

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There is no need to transfer his Circle now. On the eve of separation of this State we are not contemplating any new schemes of expenditure and it would not be proper or desirable to create these

2680.2/57 and energy on ~~working~~ proposals for making Ramanding a health resort for summer. Water supply is a big problem there and the Rs 15 a.c. suggested for it will suffice only for a few hours. At this rate the station cannot be developed.

When we have no funds for ~~w~~ priority power and irigation schemes, a 'luxury' proposal for a summer resort cannot, I submit, be thought of.

The papers may be lodged, and we may leave it to the Mysore Govt who have a plan for such things to develop the place when their finances permit.

23/4/53

M(P-W) N. Ramachandra Reddi 24.4.53

M(L.A) N. Lakshmanaswamy 26.4.53

'A'

M(Agri) The St. Bd may be asked to keep in good condition the road from Hospet to Sandur & Ramanding to enable by

M(Fin) Fin. Sec there.

M(L.A) may kindly consider the suggestion of M(Agri) 27/4.

29.4.53

Submitted

29/4/53

M(P-W) N. Ramachandra Reddi 1.5.53

M(L.A) N. Lakshmanaswamy 2/5/53

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The case may be sent to LAD for necessary action with reference to the minutes of M(Agri) on the previous page.

2 The original of the Coll's letter at p35 c/f submitted through the Bd of Rev has not yet been received.

As re Secy's instructions at X on the previous page it is submitted that the papers may be recorded in a memo copy of which may be sent to the C[illegible], Coll's & the Bd for information in order to avoid reminders from these authorities. Subject to approval a draft memo is also submitted. It may issue after perusal by LA.

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8/5/53.

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9.5.53 LAD

L.A. Deptt (E)

The file has been sent to this deptt with reference to the orders of M(Agri) at 'A' on Page 11 ante. Necessary extracts may be taken for ~~further necessary~~ separate action. The file may be returned to P.W. Deptt.

Please take extracts, give cr/c & show

Swe 3/6/53
PW 14.5.53

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Extracts have been taken for separate action. The file may be returned to PWD.

MS 20.5.53.

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Please see the note of LAD at 12 and the reference from the Board of Rev at 37 cf and the enclosure at 39 cf. It may be files. The draft among many now may now ~~be~~ be appro for 21/5/53 for issue.

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